

condition to enjoy those innocent pleasures, which the house can afford you, where the rain cannot incommode you. When you recollect, my sweet creatures, what a dry season we have had, I am sure you will, with pleasure, give up the expectations of this day to the pleasing recollection of the good this rain will do, and the great service it will be of to all the surrounding lands.

“ Another consideration ought to induce you not to regard this disappointment, since you are not sure, had you gone to the fair, but some accident might have happened to you, which will now be prevented by your staying at home. When you grow up in the world, you will perhaps have occasion to observe, that we frequently vex and torment ourselves at not being able to gratify some particular wish, which, had it been obtained, might have been very pernicious to us.

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“ Nor is this all, my dear children; for, by thus accustoming yourselves to put up with disappointments, you will acquire such a serene habit of mind, that few things in this world will be able to ruffle your temper, or disturb the tranquillity of your minds. Happy are those who possess that invaluable jewel!

“ I have a nice cake in the house, and some choice fruit. You shall have them, and call in your little neighbours to partake with you.”

“ Amarillis and her brother kissed their mama, then thanked her, pulled off their new clothes, called in their little companions, when they fell upon the cakes and fruit, and equally forgot both the weather and the disappointment they had met with. Hence it evidently appears, that we frequently suffer infinitely more from imagination than from realities.”

Amintor having now finished, Florella observed to him, that she plainly perceived,

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